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Reaction in Sierra Leone to reconsideration Volta project would probably not be critical of US. Relations between Sierra Leone and Ghana are on unpleasant side at present, aggravated by involvement of member Ghana HICOM espionage incident directed against Sierra Leone (Embassy despatch 86).

Sierra Leone Government which often feels its pro-western orientation has been taken for granted would probably raise no objection especially if it thought that reconsideration of US policy on aid to West Africa might result in broadening scope of aid to Sierra Leone. Always possible of course that some here would regard cancellation Volta works as demonstration ephemeral nature US commitments, "aid with strings", or repetition Aswan withdrawal.

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